Friday 30 January, 2015 Volume 1

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME
Welcome to all our Toongabbie families who are returning for another great year. I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and students who are starting with us. We are expecting our kindergarten students on Monday. Students from Years 1-6 have already been placed in classes. The information provided by parents at the end of 2014 has helped us to get off to a very smooth start.

FAREWELL MRS BORG
It’s exciting news for Mrs Borg, but sad news for our school. Mrs Borg has accepted a transfer to Ropes Creek Public School which is just ten minutes from her home. This means no more dreaded M4. We wish her well in her new school and thank her for her work at TPS.

MRS ROLLS
Our very talented Learning and Support teacher, Mrs Rolls, will be working as the Assistant Principal in charge of Learning Assistance for our area during this term. This is an acknowledgement of the outstanding job she has done at TPS. Mrs Kergow will be our LaST during term 1. Mrs Kergow is an outstanding teacher with lots of experience in supporting student learning.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Class Photos will take place on Monday February 9th. Students should wear their summer uniform. (No sports uniforms on this day please). Children should bring their envelope and payment on this day. If you would like a family photograph of your children (only students at the school), please call at the office and collect a “Family Photo Envelope”.

INFORMATION SESSIONS
Our information sessions for parents will be held on Tuesday 10 February. The specific times will be forwarded early next week. It is expected sessions will operate between 5pm and 7.30pm. Parents are invited to join staff for a sausage sizzle and informal chat after the sessions.

CLASSES FOR 2015
KA Mrs Sullivan (Assistant Principal); Ware KM; Mr Howe; KC Miss Adams; KE Miss Stefan; K/1SD Mrs Starzynski & Mrs Devine; 1C Mrs Clarke; 1P Mrs Paton; 1W Mrs Williams; 1S Miss Senteley; 2B Mrs Bownds (Assistant Principal); 2K Mrs Keith; 2M; Mrs Matsen; 2O Mrs Osland; 3I Mrs Ingleton; 3K Mrs Kumaran; 3RW Mrs Ranieri & Mrs Woelfle; 3N Miss Nova; 4P Mrs Perkins (Assistant Principal); 4GM Mrs Gersbach & Mrs Matthews; 4H Miss Hiron; 5H Miss Hudson; 5M Miss McDougall; 5W Miss Ware; 6/5H Mrs Hosking (Assistant Principal); 6B Mr Borbely and 6C Mrs Church RFF Mrs Borys & Mr Nunes
Reading Recovery teachers Mr Tuck & Mrs Harlum; EALD Mrs Neasey; Library Mrs Redman & Learning and Support Mrs Kergow (Term 1).

P & C MEETING
The AGM and first meeting for 2014 will be Monday 9th February. It will start at 7.30pm and be held in the staffroom.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Please note that the TPS Swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 11th February, 2015. Permission notes have been sent home. The carnival will take place at Wentworthville Memorial Pools. The carnival is for students in Years 3-6 and any Year 2 students who were born in 2007 and can capably and confidently swim 50 metres. Please ensure you fill in the permission slip correctly to indicate your child’s swimming ability. Please note that the management of the pool does not allow photography.

A BIG THANK YOU
A big thank you to Chris Ware, and his assistants, for all the electrical work he has done around the school. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. We would also like to acknowledge Dad & Dave’s Turf at PittTown on Bottoms Rd. They donated thirty rolls of turf to the school.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PSSA TEAMS
PSSA teams are currently being selected. Please discuss with your child if they are interested. Be aware that playing PSSA does have a financial cost. of approximately $25 a term to be paid prior to commencement of the PSSA season. Trials for zone teams will take place on February 13th and 20th. Summer PSSA will start in week 5.

LINING UP PROCEDURES
Students are getting familiar with their new place to line up. You can assist us by discussing with your child the importance of waiting responsibly and safely for their teacher. So far I have been very impressed with our students’ behaviour.
ABSENCE NOTES
Please remember that each time your child is absent from school, whether it be for a whole or part of a day, that he or she requires a note explaining the absence signed by you. The teachers will be issuing reminder notices this year so as we can keep our records current. Let’s start the year well. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.
Bruce Francis  DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome back. The Canteen meeting will be held on Thursday 5th February, commencing at 2pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to come along and share your thoughts on anything you would like the canteen to provide for your children. We look forward to seeing some new faces. Thank you.
Janice Smith  CANTEEN MANAGER

MULTILIT 2015 - READING PROGRAM
Welcome to another year at TPS. This year we will continue to run the MULTILIT Program for Year 2 students. The MULTILIT Program has now been operating with the support of parents for in excess of ten years and aims at helping students who are experiencing difficulty in reading and word attack skills.
The program will run three afternoons a week between 2pm and 3pm. These days will be negotiated as timetables are confirmed.
If you are interested in becoming a parent tutor please complete the tear off at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office.
Mrs Rolls will be having a training session on Thursday 5th February at 9.15am in the BASC room if you are interested in helping with this valuable program. We will begin with last years’ year 2 MULTILIT students on Monday of week 3. If you have any questions regarding this program please feel free to contact me through the office.
We look forward to hearing from you.
Leanne Rolls  – LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER

SPECIAL INVITATION
The Parent Auxiliary wishes to invite you to their Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 February, 2015 in the staffroom commencing at 9.15am. Everyone in very welcome to come along and join in the discussions and planning of the year’s activities. Morning tea provided. Pre schoolers welcome.
Jacki Hogan  – Convenor

SCHOOL BAND
The Concert band will have its first rehearsal on Tuesday February 2nd in the hall. It will be held from 3-4pm.
The Training band tutorials will commences in week 3
Miss Ramsey  BAND COORDINATOR

LOST PROPERTY
Could all belongings be labelled with your child’s name. All lost property will be placed in the baskets located outside the canteen. Please check your child has their belongings regularly. Getting them to take out their lunchbox and drink bottle each afternoon is a good method.

SCHOOL BANKING
The student school banking will commence on Wednesday 4 February. Please hand your banking to the class teacher at 9am.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES
When paying for excursions etc, please send your child’s money in a sealed envelope with their name, class, amount enclosed and event paying for. A note explaining the new procedures will be sent home on Monday, however money for all excursions and payments are to be brought directly to the office.
We appreciate your assistance in this matter.
Ann Miles  – ADMIN MANAGER
PIANO TEACHER
An Accredited and experienced piano teacher presents students for AMEB practical and theory exams. Home studio is located at 8 Eildon Street, CONSTITUTION HILL. For further information please phone Indra on 9636 3735.

FLUTE LESSONS
Local Flute teacher has a limited number of openings for new students who would like to have private lessons, playing a wide variety of music with an option to prepare for A.M.E.B. exams as they progress.
With over 25 years experience teaching students from years 4 – 12, Robyn has a passion for helping children develop their gifts and talents as well as love and appreciation for music.
For further information please contact Robyn on 0416 151258.

MULTILIT - READING PROGRAM
I am interested in assisting with the Multilit Program.
I will / will not be attending the orientation morning tea on Thursday 5 February at 9.15am in the new BASC Room.
All welcome.
Name: ...................................................................................  Child’s Name:.............................. Class: ......................
Contact Number: ...........................................................

Lion Park’s Tae Kwon Do And Self-Defence
Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons in the school hall
For further information please call
- Contact Sa-Bum-Nim Michael 4th Dan Black Belt on 0409 928 534

TONY’S ROBOT WORLD
The Robot Class will guide your kids to build and program robots.
Magnify your kids creativity
When: Saturday afternoon or Friday evening During School weeks
Where: Toongabbie 2 hours in a session
For more information please contact
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